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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Koichi NISHIMURA et al.**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**
(PCT/JP00/04193)

Filed: **December 26, 2001**

For: **RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR HOSE AND HOSE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 26, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A rubber composition for a hose, which comprises a nitrile rubber (A) comprising 45 to 55% by weight of α , β -ethylenically unsaturated nitrile monomer units and 55 to 45% by weight of conjugated diene monomer units, and epihalohydrin rubber (B), and at least one crosslinking agent selected from the group consisting of a crosslinking agent (C_A) for the nitrile rubber (A) and a crosslinking agent (C_B) for the epihalohydrin rubber (B); the amount of the nitrile rubber (A) being in the range of 25 to 80% by weight based on the sum of the nitrile rubber (A) and the epihalohydrin rubber (B).